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**PATENT**

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**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

Serial No.: 09/800,624  
Conf. No.: 7473  
Filed: March 7, 2001  
Examiner: Wong  
Group Art Unit: 1761  
Applicant: Gassenmeier et al.  
Title: **ORGANOLEPTIC COMPOSITIONS: USE OF 3-MERCAPTO  
ALKANOIC ACID ESTERS AS FLAVOR INGREDIENTS**  
Atty Docket: GRISA-710

Cincinnati, Ohio 45202

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**AMENDMENT**

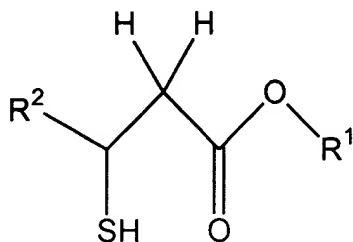
Sir:

In response to the Office Action mailed on October 2, 2002, in the above-identified application, please amend the application as follows.

**IN THE CLAIMS**

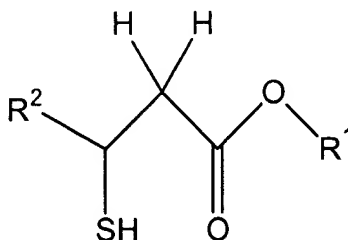
Amend the following claims.

1.(AMENDED) A flavor or fragrance composition comprising at least one compound of formula I



or a precursor thereof, wherein R1 represents a branched or unbranched alkyl, alkenyl or alkadienyl group containing 1 to 8 carbon atoms and R2 represents a methyl or ethyl group, in a flavor or fragrance composition.

9.(AMENDED) A method of adding a flavor or fragrance to a product wherein at least one compound of formula 1



or a precursor thereof, wherein R1 represents a branched or unbranched alkyl, alkenyl or alkadienyl group containing 1 to 8 carbon atoms and R2 represents a methyl or an ethyl group, is added to the product for flavoring or fragrancng the product.